

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. No new matter is presented. Claims 1-26 are currently pending.

1. (Presently Amended) A method for securitizing an obligation to purchase goods/services, the method comprising:
selling, by a first party, assets to a second party;
obligating ~~the~~ a first party with a first obligation to purchase goods/services from ~~the~~ a second party using first money;
obligating the second party with a second obligation to give a third party a portion of the first money received from the first party;
creating a trust;
receiving second money from investors;
funding the trust with the second money;
obligating the third party with a third obligation to give the trust a portion of the first money received from the second party; and
allowing the third party to take from the trust if the first party experiences a credit event, wherein the trust contains at least a portion of the second money.

2. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the credit event includes a default on the first obligation.

3. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by the third party.

4. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by a fifth party.

5. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising giving the investors notes in exchange for the second money.
6. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
obligating the first party to sell underperforming assets to the second party; and
obligating the second party to give the first party value in exchange for the underperforming assets.
7. (Originally Presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the value is provided by the third party.
8. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the funding includes purchasing a low risk asset.
9. (Previously Amended) A contractual arrangement for securitizing an obligation to purchase goods/services, the arrangement comprising:
a first obligation where a first party is obligated to purchase goods/services from a second party using first money;
a second obligation where a second party has a second obligation to give a third party a portion of the first money received from the first party;
a trust funded with second money provided by investors;
a third obligation where the third party agrees to give the trust a portion of the first money received from the second party, and
a fourth obligation where the investors agree to allow the third party to take from the trust if the first party experiences a credit event.
10. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 9, wherein the credit event includes a default on the first obligation.

11. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by the third party.

12. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by a fifth party.

13. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the investors receive notes in exchange for the second money.

14. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 11, wherein the investors receive notes from the fourth party in exchange for the second money.

15. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 12, wherein the investors receive notes from the fourth party in exchange for the second money.

16. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 9, further comprising:
an obligation by the first party to sell underperforming assets to the second party;
and

an obligation by the second party to give the first party value in exchange for the underperforming assets.

17. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as claimed in claim 16, wherein the value is provided by the third party.

18. (Originally Presented) The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the trust is funded with a low risk asset purchased with the second money.

19. (Originally Presented) A method for securitizing an obligation to purchase goods/services, the method comprising:

obligating a first party with a first obligation to purchase goods/services from a second party using first money;

creating a trust;
receiving second money from investors;
funding the trust with the second money;
obligating the second party with a second obligation to give the trust a portion of
the first money received from the first party; and
allowing the second party to take from the trust if the first party experiences a
credit event.

20. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the credit event includes a default on the first obligation.

21. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the trust is controlled by a third party created by the second party.

22. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the trust is controlled by a third party created by a fourth party.

23. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 19, further comprising giving the investors notes in exchange for the second money.

24. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:
obligating the first party to sell underperforming assets to the second party; and
obligating the second party to give the first party value in exchange for the
underperforming assets.

25. (Originally Presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the funding includes purchasing a low risk asset.

26. (Originally Presented) A method for securitizing cash flow, the method comprising: securitizing the cash flow wherein the cash flow is derived from a future obligation to purchase goods or services.